

M.S.A.D. # 75 Directors

As of September 2005, our two elementary schools had a combined enrollment of 210 students (127 at Harpswell Islands School, 83 at West Harpswell School). This is down 20 students from 2004. Parent-teacher groups are active in both schools, providing support through fundraising and volunteering. The new West Harpswell playground is an excellent example of the efforts of community and school.

This past year's budgeting in the Technology Account allowed rewiring and updating at West Harpswell and will continue at Harpswell Islands in the coming year. Also recommended in the upcoming budget are repairs to the West Harpswell exterior main entrance and continued replacement of windows, a nurse's station sink and fresh air supplies in the art room and other rooms in the older section of Harpswell Island School. We are fortunate in both schools to have a dedicated and talented staff.

The Mount Ararat Middle School continues to offer a varied and relevant course of studies—one which reaches out to both the elementary and high school to promote a total alignment of curriculum. A central focus of the Middle School is to raise student achievement. To do this, the staff is concentrating its efforts in two areas: 1) Instructional Practice and Curricular Improvements and 2) School Organization and Parent/Community Engagement.

The Mount Ararat High School is part of the seventh largest school district in the State of Maine and is the second largest district in geographic size. Students are required to take a minimum of five credits for the year, and encouraged to take more. Advanced placement courses are offered by all departments and available in fourteen subject areas. This past year a total of 64% (an increase of 11%) enrolled in a post-secondary education program. Mount Ararat offers a broad variety of clubs and activities as well as an athletic program that includes 38 varsity and junior varsity team, and freshmen teams in 17 sports. Mount Ararat High School is presently involved in accreditation with the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. This will be a year-long endeavor.

As your elected representatives on the S.A.D. # 75 School Board, we are committed to providing the highest quality education possible to the children of this district.

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